

## Program Endorsement

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Mr. Ernie Renner  
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Dear Ernie:

The success of the Automation Forum Executive Round Table was in large part due to your participation and presentations. Your insight into American industry and especially your knowledge of "best in class" were most helpful in assisting us in understanding the manufacturing problems and at the same time seeing some of the solutions. On behalf of the Forum membership, I wish to express our appreciation for your taking the time to participate. All of us who attended benefitted from your contributions.

Frankly, the entire program took a turn in direction from that which I expected. Very often I take a DOD approach to manufacturing without considering the other aspects. Of course that is largely due to my military background as both a consumer and as a producer. As the program continued, I wondered how you were going to respond to some of the statements and questions. Might I state you reacted superbly and in keeping with Best Manufacturing Practices and great judgement. Congratulations!

I look forward to continued encounters between our organizations and believe that both will benefit through our close association. Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Griffin, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
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